

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO JOYCE GARVER KELLER

**HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 30, 2015*

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize my friend, Ms. Joyce Garver Keller, on her retirement.

For 25 years, Joyce has stood as a faithful advocate and a strong voice for justice. As the Executive Director of Ohio Jewish Communities, she has led the way in providing elected officials guidance on the most important issues impacting the Jewish organizations and congregations in Ohio and across the country.

I am glad to call Joyce my friend and I am glad she was one of the many in attendance of what she described as “an extraordinary moment in history,” during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s address to Congress this year.

Joyce, thank you for all your work. You will be missed in the halls of the Congress but your drive and unwavering dedication will have a lasting impact that will continue to resonate here and in Ohio. I wish you the very best as you begin your next chapter.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I proudly recognize Ms. Joyce Garver Keller for 25 years of service with the Ohio Jewish Communities.

### HONORING THE BARTELS FAMILY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 30, 2015*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I join the University of New Haven’s (UNH) Board of Governors and its President, Dr. Steven Kaplan, in recognizing the Bartels family for its unrelenting commitment to the University and its students through generous support of scholarships and academic programs.

I am honored to be a part of recognizing this tremendous family and formalizing this special recognition in memory of Henry E. “Hank” Bartels. Over the past forty years, Hank and Nancy Bartels, along with their son Philip, and his wife, Susan, have contributed immeasurably to UNH’s development, supporting its mission of providing high quality experiential education, through a combination of liberal arts and real-world, hands-on professional training. In the words of President Kaplan, “The Bartels family has established an indelible legacy at this institution and has touched the lives of countless students.” The Bartels continue this tradition by dem-

onstrating an unwavering appreciation for UNH, its potential, and the promise it delivers to innumerable students.

There is no greater tribute to Hank Bartels and that of the entire Bartels family than its most recent work in commissioning UNH’s inaugural Washington Program. The initial launch of the program last fall consisted of a team of 19 students participating in the 2014 Annual Model United Nation Conference. They were Aemin Becker, Matthew Belletete, Connor Briggs, Juliana Calcagno, Rob Granoth, Jamie Harron, James Hart, Elise Lenahan, Sarah Markland, Amanda Nash, Emily Nash, Samantha Paquette, Melissa Peil, Paul Raffile, Bobby Rousseau, Jessica Sattler, Emil Thomsen, Randi Trinidad, and Connor Vargo. In preparation for the competition, students were exposed to high-level briefings by international stakeholders based in Washington, DC and Federal officials integral to the operation of the UN and its missions. As a result of the intense preparation and high-caliber exposure to UN stakeholders, the UNH delegation won the Distinguished Delegation Award, an honor bestowed to only 14 colleges and universities out of the more than 100 from the U.S. and abroad that participated.

The next installment of UNH’s Washington Program consisted of a semester course entitled, American Rome: Washington DC—Power, Politics, Policy. This course exposed students to the structure and culture of the U.S. Federal government as it relates to the national security system. The course culminated in a week in Washington where students met with current and former officials from the Executive Branch, Federal Agencies, and Congress, as well as academia. During this week, 15 UNH students visited the White House, Pentagon, Capitol Hill, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and U.S. Naval Academy. Students included Naif Alharbi, Brittany Codiana, Lindsey Conley, Zachery Fiermonti, Michael Hagen, Sarah Hoffman, Ryan Lebel, Sebika Mazumdar, Paul Raffile, Richard Rotella, Elizabeth Rowan, Jonathan Trinh, Andrew Wallis, Walter Williams, and Cassidy Yotnakparian. In the words of one participating student, “This is my first Political Science/National Security class here at UNH, and it has truly changed my perspective on my future career; the trip made me want to join the Navy then work in Washington after a military career.” Each student indicated the visit to Washington heightened interests to serve our country as military officials, civil servants or another capacity to enhance the country’s national security interests.

As a result of the Bartels family’s incredible generosity, these students were able to travel to Washington and engage in a transformational experience that will undoubtedly help shape the careers and lives of our country’s next generation of leaders. I am proud to join the students, faculty and university administration—particularly Dr. Steven Kaplan, President, Dr. Daniel May, Provost, Dr. Lourdes Alvarez, Dean of College of Arts &

Sciences, Dr. Mario Gaboury, Dean Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Dr. Chris Haynes, Assistant Professor and Political Science Coordinator, Dr. Matthew Schmidt, Assistant Professor of National Security and Political Science, Dr. Patricia Crouse, Practitioner in Residence, Department of Political Science, and Dr. Christy Smith, Assistant Professor of Public Administration—in expressing the deepest gratitude to the Bartels family for providing these young men and women with a solid foundation and instilling a sense of purpose and service to our great nation.

### HONORING MR. BILL RUFTY

**HON. DANIEL WEBSTER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 30, 2015*

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I first met Bill Ruffy nearly 30 years, when I was serving in the Florida House of Representatives. Our paths crossed often when I was Speaker of the House in Florida, and Bill always had an ear out for Polk County. Throughout his career, Bill has been a steady reporter who stuck to the facts, reporting information just as he saw it. In that way, Bill was old school, a dying breed of journalist.

A few years ago, Bill was the first reporter to interview me when I began representing Polk County in Congress and opened an office inside the Winter Haven City Hall. Measured and accurate, Bill has been a friend and familiar face while covering both state and federal issues. It has been a pleasure to work with him for three decades in serving the best interests of Central Florida. I wish him the best.

### COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNI- VERSARY OF THE GIFT OF ME- MORIAL CITY HALL

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 30, 2015*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the gift of Memorial City Hall in the City of Auburn, New York. In 1929, Memorial City Hall was built in the City of Auburn in memory of David Munson Osborne, Mayor of the City of Auburn from 1879–1880. Memorial City Hall continues to serve as the center of civic activity in Auburn, a memorial to the City’s rich history, and an architectural classic.

Memorial City Hall was commissioned by daughters of David Munson Osborne and sisters of Mayor Thomas Mott Osborne, Helen Osborne Storrow and Emily Osborne Harris. The Hall was designed by the acclaimed architecture firm, Coolidge, Shepley, Bulfinch, and Abbott. Memorial City Hall’s grand portico,

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